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Hooper Penn Monument, Guilford County NC ^[2]
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Guilford Courthouse

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Description: This monument is a dedication to two of the three North Carolina signers of the Declaration of Independence. A sculpture of a man in colonial garb stands atop the granite monument base; his right hand is raised high in the air and he grasps the Declaration with his left. On the base on the west side the name 'John Penn' is inscribed; on the east, "William Hooper." The monument is about 18' in height.

Nickname: Founders Monument, Signers Monument

Inscription:

IN MEMORIAM / WILLIAM HOOPER AND JOHN PENN / DELEGATES FROM NORTH CAROLINA 1776 TO THE / CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AND SIGNERS / OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE / THEIR REMAINS WERE REINTERRED / HERE 1894, HEWES GRAVE IS LOST / HE WAS THE THIRD SIGNER / "LEE, HENRY, AND HOOPER WERE THE / ORATORS OF THE CONGRESS" / JOHN ADAMS' DIARY VOL. 2. P. 396, 1774

Dedication date: July 3, 1897

Creator: b

Materials & Techniques: Bronze, granite.

Unveiling & Dedication: This monument was unveiled the same day as the Schenk Museum was dedicated at the site (the museum has long since been removed). The Hon. Charles M. Stedman gave remarks and the keynote oration was given by Joseph M. Morehead. Victor McAdoo served as "Chief Marshal" while the Rev. Horace Week Jones provided a prayer. This was the 10th annual celebration held. The speech given was about James Hunter.

Subject notes: In 1894 the Guilford Battleground company decided to move the remains and erect a monument to North Carolina's three signers. Hooper and Penn were reburied in 1894, but Hewes' unmarked grave could not be found.

Location: Faces north.

Former Locations: Moved in the 1970s from its original location which caused a blind spot for drivers near the intersection of present day Old Battleground Road and the old "New Garden Road" The graves of the two signers were also moved to their present location at this time. (Original Coordinates: 36.132009, -79.845776)

Landscape: It is presently located about 35 meters South West of the Nathaniel Green monument. It is significantly more forested than its original location.

City: Greensboro

County: Guilford

Subjects: Historic Political Figures, Revolutionary War

Latitude: 36.13197

Longitude: -79.84462

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